



## California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	<b>Direct Supervision of Patient Areas</b>		
Code Section(s)	<b>§1007.5.9.1 (3), California Building Code (1998 ed)</b>		
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**When direct and constant supervision is required in accordance with Section 1007.5.9.1 (3), is direct line-of-sight through a window in an intervening room acceptable? An example of this may be a window in an anteroom that also has a window into the patient's room.**

Yes provided that the patient area is constantly visible and visibility cannot be obstructed (e.g., curtains, etc). Further, access to the patient must readily be achieved without traveling through more than one intervening room.